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ITALIAN PREDATOR ON THE RUN NABBED BY ICE

Predator awaits extradition to Italy to face criminal charges

PROVIDENCE, RI— Special agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) yesterday arrested an international fugitive wanted by Italian authorities.

Vittorio Masini, a 37 year-old citizen of Italy, was taken into ICE custody without incident Thursday evening outside an apartment located at 490 Angell Street in Providence. The arrest was made within hours of ICE special agents being notified by INTERPOL of Masini's potential whereabouts.

This arrest caps an international effort to find Masini who was convicted in Italy in May 2002 for Mistreatment Imposed on his Family, Sexual Violence, Threats and Voluntary Bodily Injuries. According to court documents, Masini's abuse against his family and sexual violence against his minor children occurred from 1989 to April of 1998.

Masini fled Italy prior to serving the remainder of his sentence, which was three years, 10 months, and 29 days. He entered the U.S. under the visa waiver program in April 2003, and has since overstayed the customary 90-day term of admission.

"ICE is working with law enforcement authorities around the Globe to protect our communities from violent criminals and to combat the sexual victimization of children," said Robin M. Avers, special agent-in-charge of ICE in New England. "This arrest should send a strong message to fugitives that they will not be able to escape justice by hiding out in the United States. The reach of law enforcement extends beyond country borders."

Masini is currently being held by ICE at the Donald C. Wyatt Detention Facility in Central Falls. He will remain in custody while arrangements are made to turn him over to authorities in Italy.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.